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SUBJ: EMBASSY EMPLOYEES SUMMONED TO TESTIFY

1. EMBASSY VICE CONSUL AND A LOCAL EMPLOYEE HAVE BEEN
HANDED OFFICIAL SUMMONS BY THE BAHAMIAN CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATION DEPT TO TESTIFY AT A COURT OF ENQUIRY ON
JANUARY 20, 1977 WHICH WILL HEAR AND DETERMINE A CHARGE
OF MISREPRESENTATION BROUGHT AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER
UNDER THE BAHAMIAN POLICE DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS AND
POLICE ACT. THIS ENQUIRY IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE RESULT
OF THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM WRITTEN BY THE VICE CONSUL
TO THE CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR SECTION AND THEN FORWARDED
TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CID.

2. "TO: STEPHEN VITALE, FROM: ANITA D. BANKS
SUBJECT: LAWRENCE G. CHISHOLM

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT LAWRENCE G. CHISHOLM,
WHO RECEIVED A B-2 VISA ON JULY 21, 1976, WAS ACTUALLY
INELIGIBLE FOR THE VISA AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION UNDER
SECTION 212(A)(9) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY
ACT. THE MISTAKE WOULD HAVE GONE UNNOTICED HAD IT
NMT BEEN FOR AN OBSERVANT VISA CLERK QUERYING THE
ISSURANCE OF THIS VISA AFTER DISCOVERING THE APPROVED
APPLICATION FORM ON FILE. THE CLERK ADMITTED HAVING
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KNOWLEDGE OF MR. CHISHOLM'S FRAUD AND FORGERY ACTIVITIES
BECAUSE OF HIS ATTEMPTS AT MISREPRESENTING HIMSELF AS
AN ARCHITECT.

"A CHECK WITH CORPORAL FERNANDER OF THE CRIMINAL
RECORDS OFFICE REVEALED THAT MR. CHISHOLM HAD BEEN
CONVICTED JUNE 23, 1972 ON TWO COUNTS OF FRAUD BY FALSE
PRETENSES (12 MONTH SENTENCE ON EACH COUNT TO RUN CON-

SECUTIVELY) AND TWO COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED FRAUD BY FALSE PRETENSES (THREE MONTH SENTENCE ON EACH COUNT TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY). HAD THIS INFORMATION BEEN KNOWN AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, MR. CHISHOLM WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A VISA AS THE OFFENSES COMMITTED INVOLVED MORAL TURPITUDE.

"IT SHOULD BE FURTHER NOTED THAT I HAD INDICATED ON THE APPLICATION FORM, FS-257, THAT MR. GRIFFIN OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION SUBMITTED TO ME PERSONALLY MR. CHISHOLM'S PASSPORT AND APPLICATION FORM. NOTATIONS ON APPLICATION FORMS ARE NORMALLY MADE WHEN SPECIAL INTEREST IN A CASE IS SHOWN BY A PERSON OTHER THAN THE APPLICANT. I DO NOT RECALL AT THIS TIME WHETHER A POLICE CERTIFICATE WAS PRESENTED. MR. GRIFFIN CERTAINLY DID NOT MENTION THE APPLICANT'S CRIMINAL RECORD. IF A POLICE CERTIFICATE HAD BEEN SUBMITTED SHOWING MR. CHISHOLM'S RECORD, IT WOULD HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY LED TO A FINDING OF VISA INELIGIBILITY." DATED DECEMBER 3, 1976.

3. THE VICE CONSUL AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE WERE QUESTIONED AT EMBASSY BY THE SUPT AND SIGNED STATEMENTS AFFIRMING THE FACTS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM. SUPT LATER INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THE POLICE OFFICER HAD INITIALLY DENIED PRESENTING APPLICANT'S VISA APPLICATION AND PASSPORT TO THE VICE CONSUL, BUT HAD CHANGED HIS ANSWER WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE SIGNED STATEMENTS. THE POLICE OFFICER FACES COURT MARTIALING IF FOUND GUILTY OF USING HIS POSITION AND INFLUENCE TO PROCURE A VISA FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AN INELIGIBLE APPLICANT.

4. EMBASSY IN THIS CASE WOULD LIKE TO RECIPROCATATE POLICE COOPERATION AND UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY DEPARTMENT, TWO EMPLOYEES WILL RESPOND TO SUMMONS AND TESTIFY AT ENQUIRY.
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